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4-H News of La Paz County

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May 2005

Calendar of Events

- 13 4-H Camp Planning Meeting, Lake Havasu Library (K-Mart shopping Center) 6:30 pm
- 13 Camp counselor applications due
- 15 JOLT Application deadline
- 17 Record Book Workshop. Parker 1st Baptist Church, 6pm (COUNTY EVENT)
- 21 4-H Camp Counselor tryout, Mohave County Fairgrounds, 10am
- 30 Memorial Day, Extension Office Closed

June 1st Earlybird registration deadline for STAR

“NOTE” 4-H council meeting scheduled for May 2 is CANCELLED!!



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Happenings

A Tribute To Our 4-H Leaders

Somewhere between the sternness of a parent and the comradeship of a pal is that mysterious creature we call a 4-H leader. These leaders come in all shapes and sizes, and may be male or female. But they all have one thing in common - a glorious twinkle in their eyes! 4-H Leaders are found everywhere - at judging contests, fairs, square dances, and talent shows. They always are preparing for, sitting through, participating in, or recuperating from a meeting of some kind. They are tireless consumers of muffins, expert at taking knots out of thread, peerless coaches, and spend hours on the telephone. A 4-H Leader is many things - an artist making a float for the Fourth of July, a doctor prescribing for an underfed calf, a counselor at camp, a lawyer filling out reports, and a shoulder to cry on when that dress just won't fit. Nobody else is so early to rise and so late to get home at night. Nobody else has so much fun with so many boys and girls. We sometimes forget them, but we can't do without them. They receive no salary, but we can never repay them. They are angels in aprons, saints in straw hats. Their only reward is the love of the kids and the respect of the community. But when they look around them at the skills they've taught, and the youth they've built, there's an inner voice from somewhere that says, "Well done."

Author Unknown

4-H Camp

It's time to start getting prepared for 4-H camp!!!! La Paz and Mohave counties have a great week of fun and learning planned for **July 17-21st** in the cool pines of Pinal County 4-H camp near Williams. Camp activities will include arts & crafts, archery, nature hikes, campfires, games, sing alongs, and MORE! Applications are in this letter.

Teen counselors are needed for 4-H camp. Applications are available at the Extension Office and must be returned by June 6th. This is a great way to learn and expand your leadership skills while having fun.

Camp Dates to Remember

Camp Planning Meeting
Camp Counselor Applications Due
Camp Counselor Try-Out
Counselor Training
Camp Applications Due
Staff Reports to Camp
MoPaz Camp

May 13th 6:30 pm at the Lake Havasu Library
May 13th
May 21st 10am- 4:00 pm Kingman Fairgrounds
June 22, 23rd, Parker
July 1st
July 16th
July 17-21st



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Letters of Concern Procedure

The Extension office occasionally receives letters of concern regarding 4-H policies and activities. We appreciate these concerns and take care of them in an expedient, confidential and professional manner. Letters of concern should have the following information to assist us in taking care of the problem.

1. Include your name. We will probably need additional information from you to handle the situation appropriately.
2. Be specific in your concerns. We need the times, places, and people involved.
3. Be timely in stating your concerns. The sooner we know about a situation, the better chance we have of taking care of it to everyone's satisfaction. Thank You!!

Summer Opportunities

Journey: Opportunities for Leaders of Tomorrow (J.O.L.T.)

J.O.L.T. is an Arizona Teen Leadership Conference held in the cool mountains near Heber, AZ. This year the program will be held June 13-17, 2005. Youth ages 14-18 of various backgrounds gather from all over Arizona to develop open-minded and positive attitudes. J.O.L.T. participants will enjoy activities, build trust, develop leadership, and improve communication skills. **Normal registration is \$160 and is due to the State 4-H Office by May 15th.**

S.T.A.R.

S.T.A.R (State Teen Adult Retreat) "Find Your Direction, Come To STAR"

The University of Arizona 4-H Youth development Program is offering the first-ever State Teen Adult Retreat or STAR. This will be a leadership team experience for teens and adults at the University of Arizona, July 10th to the 12th. youth and adults will come together in true partnership-training as teams in developing skills to share and train others on a local, county, and possible state level. Skill development will include leadership and civic engagement, youth-adult partnership, fitness, youth voice and advocacy. In addition, youth and adults will have social opportunities to emphasize head, heart, hands and health while developing team training skills. STAR will be held on the U of A campus, from Sunday, July 10th to Tuesday, July 12th. Youth and adults will stay in the U of A dorms, experience campus, life even using a U of A meal card! It is the goal of the Arizona 4-H youth-adult council for every county to send a minimum of one county or discipline team consisting of at least two teens and one adult. Teams will also come from other youth organizations, agencies, schools, faith groups, or community groups.

Early Bird registration will be \$110 per person due by or before June 1st to the state 4-H Office. Regular registration, after June 1st to June 10th is \$125 and "late" registration is after June 11th and will be \$150 with there being no promise of dorm space after the June 10th regular registration deadline.

Registration forms will be available on the state 4-H website, found under youth or volunteer –event and opportunities. The links will be available after April 25th and are: <http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h/teen.htm> or <http://ag.arizona.edu/4-h/volunteerevents.htm> Food Camp

Registration forms have not been made yet, but stay tuned for more info.

FOOD CAMP

To be announced

National Resources Conservation Workshop for Educators

An exciting opportunity for youth 12-16 years of age! A chance to explore the great outdoors and experience the thrill of a unique adventure. The 43rd Annual Natural Resource Conservation Workshop for Arizona youth is an interactive camp bringing together the latest in science and natural resource technology. Mingus Mountain, in the Prescott National Forest, will serve as the major area of focus as you study how plants, wildlife, water and soils related to one another in the forest, rangeland and aquatic settings. Youth will learn how to use GIS, GPS, soil and water testing equipment, and various measuring tools. Using the data collected, teams of youth will present their findings, highlighting any areas of concern and possible ways to correct any problems identified. Various group activities such as fishing, hiking, swimming, volleyball and horseshoes will be available during your free time.

The workshop will take place August 1-5, 2005 and is limited to 35 participants. Youth ages 12-16 as of 1/5/05 are eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is May 2nd. Applications are available online at <http://azrangelands.org> Students selected to attend will pay a \$100 tuition fee. The remainder of the workshop costs are covered through donations. No student will be denied attendance because of financial need. Financial assistance is available.

Planet Youth

Did you know the HUD Office of Native Americans Planet Sponsors a website called "Planet Youth"

Planet Youth connects American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian youth to people, cultural resources and fun using the internet. Parents, researchers, and teachers will find the site an important and useful resource for providing opportunities for Native and non-native youth and their families with access to a vast knowledge about American Indian History, facts and culture. Please pass this on to your friends and ask them to visit Planet Youth.

<http://www.hud.gov.planetyouth>

Character Corner

PARABLE OF THE MULE

There once was a farmer who owned an old mule. One day the mule fell into a farmer's well and the farmer heard the mule braying. After carefully assessing the situation, the farmer felt bad for the mule, but decided that it wasn't worth saving either the mule or the well. As a result, he called his neighbors together, told them what happened, and asked them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

At first the old mule was scared, but as the farmer and his neighbors continued shoveling the dirt on his back, he could shake it off and step up and so he did! Blow after blow, he repeated to himself, "shake it off and step up...shake it off and step up... Shake it off and step up!! No matter how painful the blows or how distressing the situation seemed, the old mule fought panic and just kept right on shaking it off and stepping up. It wasn't long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, stepped triumphantly over the wall of the well. What seemed to have buried him actually was his biggest help.

CLUB NEWS

Lower Forty

The meeting was April 5th at 6:30 at Players Youth Center. Lower forty members said the pledges. Chaz Martinez gave a brief report. The meeting ended at 7:00pm

Submitted by Chaz Martin

Thank You



TO THE CAST AND CREW OF
STATE OF ARIZONA
V.
PATTY LOCKE

GREAT JOB!!!

Engineer and Project Leader Jerry Spencer
Co Engineer's: Jeremy Davalos, Brian Goldsberry and Joshua Moore

Cast:

Judge	Brian Goldsberry	Prosecuter	Jolene McGuire
Defense	Chelsea Atencio	Bailiff	Caitlyn Atencio
Paul Beale	Joshua Moore	Paul Jr	Jeremy Davalos
Molly Beale	Celeste Atencio	Patty Locke	Deney Glenn

Interviews with Local Judges, Attorneys both Prosecuting and Defense, Police officers, Detention officer and Probation officer s are being recorded and together with this play will be airing on local radio stations in La Paz County soon!!! This Play is in an attempt to update you on the "NEW JUVENILE LAW'S".

Submitted by: Jerry Spencer Project Leader



LP4H form 46

2005 4-H CAMP

Due: July 1st, 2005



Office Use Only	
Date rec'd	
Cash	M.O.
Ck#	

I would like to make reservations for the La Paz/Mohave County 4-H Camp to be held at Pinal 4-H Camp near Williams, AZ. The camp will begin Sunday July 17th at 2 pm and end the morning of Thursday, July 21st. Total cost will be \$90.00 for the first member of the family, and \$ 80.00 per camper for each additional camper in the same family (age 9-19)

The total camp registration fee. Completed medical release, and this application are **due no later than 5:00 PM on July 1st, 2005**. Make checks payable to the **La Paz County 4-H Council** and mail to La Paz County Cooperative Extension, PO Box 3485, Parker, Arizona 85344, or bring to the office on Mutahar Road.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

CAMPER'S NAME: _____ AGE: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ BIRTHDAY: _____ M/F: _____

Email: _____ T-Shirt Size _____ GRADE IN SCHOOL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN : _____ ADDRESS: _____

LEADER/S NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

I pledge my full cooperation as a participant in the 2004 4-H Camp, **July 17-21, 2005**. My signature indicates that I understand that camp means having a positive attitude, "learning by doing" and fun, and I am to remain within the 4-H Camp boundaries at all times and participate in the planned program.

Unless this box is checked, I grant permission to the University of Arizona, it's certified volunteers to use images of my child (visual, audio, newspaper, and digital) in production and promotion of educational programming.

MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: _____ **AGE:** _____ **DATE:** _____

PARENT'S RELEASE STATEMENT: I am willing for _____ to attend the 2005 La Paz/Mohave County 4-H Camp. I hereby release the University of Arizona, members of its staff and employees, the 4-H Council and 4-H volunteer leaders, from all liability for injuries, accidents and/or illness of any kind sustained during 4-H Camp, including time of transportation. It is understood that the University of Arizona Staff and Employees and 4-H volunteer leaders will supervise the activities of the 4-H youth during camp. I further understand that any damage to camp or facilities caused by the camper will be the financial responsibility of the parent to repair or replace. I also certify that he/she is physically able to attend camp and has permission to go.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY _____ **DATE** _____
(Parent or Legal Guardian)

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(OVER)

INFORMATION ON APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED IN COMPLETELY

The following medical information about this 4-H'er is for the purpose of obtaining immediate medical attention necessary and instituting adequate precautions and/or programs to make 4-H Camp a safe and enjoyable experience.

Family Doctor _____ **Phone** _____

Regular medication required
limitations
(Insulin, Antihistamine, etc.)

Type of activities prohibited due to physical

Allergies (Food, drug, insect, etc)

Immunization Dates (required)

Measles/Mumps _____

Tetanus _____

Other _____

This certifies that the above named 4-H member is physically able to participate in 4-H activities with the exception of the items listed. In the event of injury or illness to my child, I authorize the Camp Director or Nurse to arrange for necessary and appropriate medical treatment by any doctor licensed to practice medicine in the State of Arizona, and I agree to pay all doctor and hospital bills.

SIGNED AND APPROVED BY

(Parent or Legal Guardian)

GUN & ARCHERY SAFETY PROGRAM - The 4-H Camp program includes a gun and archery safety program. This certifies that the above-named 4-H member has my permission and consent to take part in group activities and to handle firearms (pellet gun) and archery equipment under the guidance of a certified adult instructor while the group receives supervised instructions and training at the 4-H Camp.

I understand that any live ammunition used in this course will be furnished by the instructor and that the camper will **NOT bring live ammunition or firearms to camp.**

Participation in the Gun Safety and Archery Program is optional. Please check if you wish your child to participate.

Archery _____ May Participate
Gun Safety _____ May Participate

_____ May Not Participate
_____ May Not Participate

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

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